

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2605–2622; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 73; H. Con. Res. 66; and H. Res. 362, 364 were introduced. **Pages H5373–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5374–75**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 966, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–174);

H.R. 1670, to amend the Sikes Act to improve the application of that Act to State-owned facilities used for the national defense, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–175, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 363, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2584) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–176).

Pages H5372–73

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Crawford to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5287**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5299**

Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 1315, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 621.

Pages H5302–12, H5316–48

Rejected the Michaud motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 620. **Pages H5345–47**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated July 14, 2011 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Page H5328**

Agreed to:

Paulsen amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that clarifies that the nonvoting members of the council are allowed to petition against any rule made by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), even if they represent an industry the CFPB is not permitted to regulate; **Pages H5334–35**

Quigley amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that requires the Financial Stability Oversight Council to provide live online streaming or broadcasting of Council meetings pertaining to review of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau regulations; **Pages H5337–38**

Chu amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that gives additional responsibility to the Commissioner responsible for oversight of the Bureau's activities pertaining to the protection of older consumers, minorities, youth, and veterans. The Commissioner is required to research how language barriers can lead to unfair and abusive lending practices, and report to the full Commission ways to protect consumers from these unfair and deceptive practices; **Page H5338**

DeFazio amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that eliminates potential conflicts of interest by providing that no Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council may participate in a vote to issue a stay of, or set aside, a regulation issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection if said regulation would affect an institution for which that individual was employed in the preceding 2 years (an earlier request for a recorded vote was withdrawn and the amendment stood adopted by the voice vote thereon); **Pages H5333–34, H5340**

Lankford amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that requires the Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System/CFPB to submit an annual report to Congress no later than February 1, 2012, and every year thereafter, which identifies (1) all new guidance/regulation/rules prescribed by the Bureau, (2) any Bureau authority which overlaps with other Federal agencies/departments, (3) Bureau administrative expenses, and (4) Bureau unobligated balances. Requires that the report be posted online and published using existing funds; and **Pages H5340–41**

Rigell amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that requires the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to (1) submit an analysis on the impact of its proposed rule or regulation on the financial industry and (2) an analysis of consumers' and small businesses' access to credit as a result of the regulation, to the Financial Stability Oversight

Council for the purposes of public review (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 167 noes, Roll No. 619).

Pages H5341–42, H5345

Rejected:

Maloney amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that sought to strike Section 1023 of the Dodd-Frank Act giving the Financial Stability Oversight Council the ability to override Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rules;

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Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that sought to restore a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote in order for the Financial Stability Oversight Council to overrule Consumer Financial Protection Bureau regulation (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 615);

Pages H5330–33, H5342–43

Miller (NC) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that sought to require specific disclosure of information related to filing agency petitions to the Financial Stability Oversight Council to overturn Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule-making (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 616);

Pages H5335–36, H5343

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that sought to restore time limits in which the Financial Stability Oversight Council must review and make a determination on regulations issued by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 617); and

Pages H5336–37, H5343–44

Maloney amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that sought to transfer all authority that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau would receive to the Secretary of the Treasury if no Commission Chair is in place by July 21st until such time as a Chair has been confirmed by the Senate (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 618).

Pages H5338–40, H5344–45

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 358, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 238 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 614, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 358 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 612.

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Pursuant to section 2 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 1315, the Clerk shall (a) add the text of H.R. 830, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 1315; (b) conform the title of H.R. 1315 to reflect the addition of H.R. 830, as

passed by the House, to the engrossment; (c) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (d) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

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Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 2551, pursuant to H. Res. 359, amendments No. 9 and No. 12 are permitted to be offered out of the specified order.

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Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 2551, pursuant to H. Res. 359, amendments No. 10 and No. 11 are permitted to be offered out of the specified order.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012: The House began consideration of H.R. 2551, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 22nd.

Pages H5312–16, H5348–72

Agreed to:

Honda amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that transfers Member Transition Activities funds to increase the Capitol Police fund by \$1,000,000 in order to establish a Security Fund for Member's District Office Security Upgrades;

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Altmire amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–173), as modified, that restores \$1 million in funding to the Thirty-Year Mass Deacidification Program with the Library of Congress' Salaries and Expenses Account;

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Paulsen amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that prevents the distribution of printed legislation to member offices unless a member requests the legislation;

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Paulsen amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that prevents funds from being used to distribute printed copies of the Congressional Record to Member offices. Members are still able to receive copies online and from the Legislative Resource Center; and

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Hanna amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that states that none of the funds may be used by the Chief Administrative Officer to make any payments from any MRA for the leasing of a vehicle in an amount that exceeds \$1,000 in any month.

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Rejected:

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that sought to reduce funding for the Joint Economic Committee by \$1,050,750 (25%) and transfer those dollars to the spending reduction account;

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Broun (GA) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Compliance to the FY 2008 Level (\$467,000 reduction) and transfer those dollars to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5362–63**

Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that sought to require all mail funded by the Members' representational allowance and from funds for official mail for committees and leadership offices of the House bear the official letterhead of the Member, committee, or office involved; and

Pages H5370–71

Flake amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that sought to prohibit Members, committees, and leadership from using funds from this Act to purchase online ads that link to a website maintained by Members, committees, and leadership offices. **Pages H5371–72**

Proceedings Postponed:

Watt amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that seeks to reduce funding for the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) by 40% (\$619,200) and transfer the funds to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5360–62**

Hayworth amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that seeks to cut the \$632,780 increase in funding for the Botanic Garden and transfer it to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5363–64**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that seeks to reduce funding for the Botanic Garden to the FY 2008 Level (\$3,192,000 reduction) and transfer the funds to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5364–65**

Stutzman amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that seeks to reduce the Government Printing Office by \$4,946,140.80 by transferring \$3,414,150.29 from Government Printing Office, Congressional Printing and Binding, and \$1,531,990.51 from Government Printing Office, Office of Superintendent of Documents and transfer the funds to the spending reduction account; and

Pages H5365–67

Thompson (PA) amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that seeks to prohibit any funds in the bill from being available to purchase, acquire, install, or use any medium screw base compact fluorescent lamp or light bulb (CFL). **Pages H5367–69**

H. Res. 359, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 613, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5297 and H5248.

Senate Referral: S. 1103 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H5348**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5304–05, H5316, H5317, H5342–43, H5343, H5343–44, H5344–45, H5345, H5347 and H5347–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TITLE IV NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture held a hearing entitled “Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Title IV Nutrition Programs”. Testimony was heard from Audrey Rowe, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture.

DERIVATIVES REFORM

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing on Derivatives Reform: The View from Main Street. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup of legislation regarding the “Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

BIOTERRORISM, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing to Address Bioterrorism, Controlled Substances and Public Health Issues.” The following legislation was considered: H.R. 1254, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011”; H.R. 2405, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Services Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relating to public health preparedness and countermeasure development, and for other purposes; and legislation regarding the “Enhancing Disease Coordination Activities Act.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Dent; Nicole Lurie, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; and Howard K. Koh, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued a hearing entitled “The